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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract on page 21 with the following replacement <u>Abstract Of The Disclosure</u>. A copy of the <u>Abstract Of The Disclosure</u> is attached hereto for insertion into the application.

-- ABSTRACT

A highly reliable vehicle driver's fatigue evaluating method is provided, which is capable of quantitatively calculating a degree of fatigue of a driver seated on a seat. The degree of fatigue of the driver seated on a seat (1)-is quantitatively calculated based on an amount of rearward deflection of a lower part of a backrest portion (2)-of the seat-(1), a load applied downward to a front part of a seating portion (3)-of the seat-(1), and a load applied rearward to an upper part of the backrest portion-(2), in a state of the driver being seated on the seat-(1). --